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42. (New) Apparatus according to Claim 39, wherein said output means spectrum-diffusion modulates the input data. -

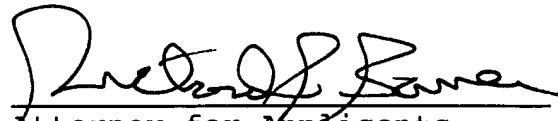
**REMARKS**

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 25-42 are pending in the application. Claims 25, 30, 34, and 39 are independent.

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